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SUBJ: GOVERNOR GENERAL FLIES TO LISBON

1. WEEKEND PRESS ANNOUNCES THAT GOVERNOR GENERAL PIMENTEL PEREIRA DOS SANTOS IS LEAVING AUGUST 13 ON AN OFFICIAL TRIP TO LISBON. SECRETARY GENERAL COL. DAVID TEIXEIRA FERREIRA WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT DURING HIS ABSENCE.

2. COMMENT: RUMORS HAVE BEEN FLOATING AROUND THAT GOVERNOR GENERAL MAY BE REPLACED SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO THESE RUMORS, PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN LISBON NOT PLEASED WITH MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT'S HASTY DENIAL OF ORIGINAL MASSACRE CHARGES ASSERTING CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH PLACE AS WIRIYAMU WHEN IN FACT LATER VILLAGE BY THAT NAME WAS PROVED ACTUALLY TO EXIST.

3. DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT RELATEVELY SLIGHT GAFF OF THIS SORT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF GOVERNORS, AS SUCH CHANGE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS VIRTUAL PROOF THAT SOMETHING HAD INDEED GONE WRONG RE ALLEGED MASSACRES.
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